



## CAROONA COAL PROJECT COMMUNITY FUND PRIORITY FUNDING FOCUS AREAS

The key objective in establishing the BHP Billiton Caroon Coal Project Community Fund was to recognise the impact that a large development can potentially have on local communities and to plan towards addressing those community development needs.

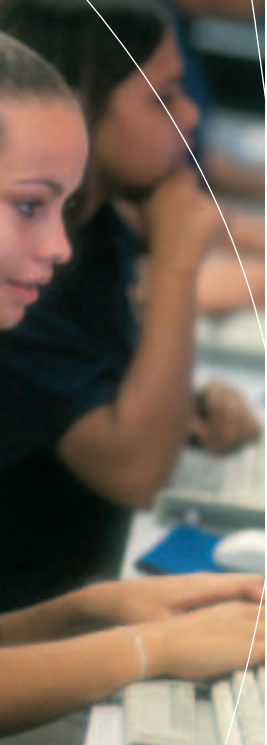
The Caroon Coal Project commissioned Coakes Consulting, social impact and community consultants, to engage the support of key community representatives to assist in determining community needs and priority areas for investment.

The broad themes that emerged from the community consultation was the need for improvements in health services, skills development, support for local businesses, support for local community group initiatives and the preservation and management of water resources.

Five priority focus areas were established within the Fund to support these community needs: Education and Training, Indigenous Development, Health, Community Development and Environment.

To assist you in writing your submission for funding, the following information further expands on these priority focus areas and explains:

- **The overall objective for funding in each focus area;**
- **Projects eligible for funding consideration; and**
- **Projects that will not be supported in each category focus area.**



## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To develop a supply of skilled local labour in mining and related sectors.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION

- Tertiary scholarships;
- Programs that promote cross sector skill development, e.g. mining and agriculture;
- Training programs related to mining and support industries;
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships;
- Work placement programs in partnership with local High Schools within the designated region;
- Programs that encourage flexible learning, life skill development, leadership, further education and improved employability;

- Programs that can demonstrate an increase in educational qualifications and skill development in BHP Billiton Carooona communities; and
- Programs that are resource industry specific, and contribute to meeting the BHP Billiton Carooona Coal Project proposed human resource targets.

### WHAT WON'T BE SUPPORTED IN THIS CATEGORY FOCUS AREA

- "One off" Programs/projects that do not support the development of a local skills base;
- Core funding that is the responsibility of Federal, State or Local Government; and
- Endeavours for personal gain.



## INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT

### OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To significantly improve the ability of the local indigenous community to join the workforce and be economically independent.

- To assist in the preservation of indigenous heritage and culture.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION

- Programs that build life skills in the local indigenous community, particularly in relation to early development;
- Projects that assist/support the BHP Billiton Carooona Coal Project designated communities of Liverpool Plains and Gunnedah Shires;
- Programs that build local indigenous labour supply;
- Programs that contribute to encouraging and improving indigenous education standards and job readiness;

- Programs that develop indigenous community leadership; and
- Programs that support the preservation of indigenous heritage and culture.

### WHAT WON'T BE SUPPORTED IN THIS CATEGORY FOCUS AREA

- "One off" programs/projects that do not support the development of a local skills base;
- Programs that do not support designated indigenous communities;
- Core funding that is the responsibility of Federal, State or Local Government; and
- Endeavours for personal gain.



## HEALTH

### OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To facilitate the attraction and retention of new and existing community members through improved access to medical and health services.

- To improve community health and wellbeing.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION

- Initiatives that enhance the provision of priority health care services in the Gunnedah and Liverpool Plains Shire areas;
- Programs/initiatives that encourage medical and health professionals to practice in the Gunnedah and Liverpool Plains Shire areas; and
- Capital programs for priority health infrastructure, where additional funding sources can be demonstrated.

### WHAT WON'T BE SUPPORTED IN THIS CATEGORY FOCUS AREA

- Core funding that is the responsibility of Federal, State or Local Government; and
- Programs that will not benefit the designated communities of Gunnedah and Liverpool Plains Shires.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To improve the liveability and future sustainability of the communities in which the company operates.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION

- Projects that contribute to enhancing the liveability of the designated communities in which the company operates, being Gunnedah and Liverpool Plains Shires;
- Programs that develop skills and community capacity;
- Projects that attract government funding; and
- Projects that encourage local economic development and enterprise skills development.

### WHAT WON'T BE SUPPORTED IN THIS CATEGORY FOCUS AREA

- Applications for individuals for private endeavours;
- "One off" projects that do not build skills or capacity within the local community;
- Local Expos and conferences; and
- Projects that do not support local community development plans.



## ENVIRONMENT

### OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To conserve water resources and improve water use efficiency.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION

- Community based conservation and rehabilitation programs within the exploration licence area;
- Initiatives that can demonstrate sound water protection and management techniques and contribute to company and community objectives in this area;
- Programs that support prevention of local environmental degradation;
- Joint environmental conservation initiatives with Government, Landowners and the Community; and
- Initiatives that enhance the physical and natural environment of the Community.

### WHAT WON'T BE SUPPORTED IN THIS CATEGORY FOCUS AREA

- Projects that do not support broader water protection or land management plans; and
- Projects outside of the company's exploration licence area.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

**For further information or to submit applications for the Community Partnership Fund or Local Sponsorship please contact:**

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